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MEMORANDUM TO: Chief, PP

SUBJECT : Refugees from the Iron Curtain During the
Brussels Fair

1. In accordance with your request we have [redacted] checked our Press Comment files to determine the number and nationality of refugees using the Brussels Fair to escape the Iron Curtain. We are attaching some press excerpts which may prove useful.

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2. The most current information was found in a 2 September [redacted] This [redacted] gives a list of aliens who have requested asylum in Belgium from 1 April to 20 August. According to the report there were 195 adults and 12 children; by sex 142 men and 53 women; by nationality 124 Yugoslavs, 54 Poles, 3 Czechs, 6 Hungarians, 1 Soviet and 2 undetermined; by occupation 116 manual laborers, 62 intellectuals, 6 artists, 3 businessmen and 8 unemployed.

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3. A survey of the [redacted] files revealed that an additional 75 refugees came over from the Iron Curtain during the Brussels Fair. These persons left the Iron Curtain in Turkey, Greece, Austria, France and Germany. Of these 34 were Czechs, 16 Poles, 8 Bulgarians, 2 Rumanians, 6 Hungarians, 1 Albanian and 8 Soviets. In September 1958, 21,107 refugees left East Germany and applied for admission to the Federal Republic.

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4. Press information on refugees includes an AP report of 6 September, [redacted] which stated that 300 people from Eastern Europe used the Fair to flee the Reds. Of these 200 were Yugoslavs and 50 were Poles, the remainder were supposedly Russians and Hungarians. A report from Brussels which was published in the Washington Evening Star on 6 September cites 247 Red tourists who requested asylum.

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